

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Greater Church of the Risen Savior Ministries Inventory Number: B-5251  
Address: 200 N. Bentalou Street Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21223 County: Baltimore City  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West  
Property Owner: Greater Church of the Risen Savior Incorporated (Apostolic) Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0000 Tax Map Number: 0020  
Project: West Baltimore MARC Station Agency: Maryland Transit Administration  
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Sarah Traum Date Prepared: 7/13/2012  
Documentation is presented in: Enoch Pratt Library – Maryland Room; Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**Architectural Description**

The Greater Church of the Risen Savior Ministries is located at 200 North Bentalou Street in the West Baltimore area of Baltimore City. The property is bounded on the south and east by rowhouses lining West Lexington Street and North Bentalou Streets, respectively. Light industrial and educational buildings are located north and west of this property. This building faces east towards North Bentalou Street. The building facade abuts the sidewalk with a paved parking area immediately north of the building and a paved recreation area to the rear, west.

The one-story tall Greater Church of the Risen Savior Ministries has little architectural ornament. It is constructed of concrete block faced with seven-course common bond brick. It stands on a concrete block foundation. Several additions to the rear of the building are built of concrete block. The building has a flat roof with shallow parapet. The facade has a stucco finish and shallow-pitched, false gable. The present facade is a modern alteration and is seven, irregularly spaced, bays wide. Large letters on the facade state "P.Y.E. Est. 1993 Educational Institute Dr. Denise Folks –Founder-". The historic core of the building is 13 bays deep, with the rear addition being four bays deep.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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The primary entrance into the building is on the northeast corner of the building, on the north, side, elevation. This plate glass door is sheltered by a cloth awning. Secondary entrances are located on the front, west, elevation, the northwest corner of the north elevation, and the rear, east, elevation. The secondary entrances are through metal slab doors. The windows are a mixture of original one-over-one, double-hung sash, and modern awning windows. Most of the original window openings are filled with concrete block but retain their rowlock brick lintels. A mural, entitled "Picture the Dream" ornaments the southeast corner of the south elevation. This mural was painted in 2004 by Urban Xperience and sponsored by Positive Youth Expressions, Inc., one of the agencies who occupy this building. It depicts Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and several children. A tall, interior brick chimney rises through the roof near the southwest corner of the building.

#### Historic Context

The core of the building at 200 North Bentalou Street was built in 1940 as a light manufacturing facility (MD SDAT 2012). It appears to have been built to house Publication Press, Inc., a printing firm and book manufacturer (Baltimore Sun 1973:A13). This firm was founded at this location in 1932 by John J. Dilli, Sr. and located here, under various names, at least through the mid-1990s, after which it was occupied by the Greater Church of the Risen Savior (C&PT 1948-1972; Stewart Directories 1974-2004).

The earliest map evidence for a building at this location is the 1951 Sanborn map, which shows the core of the present building. This map describes the building as one story tall, with offices lining the front elevation, and a printing plant at the rear. The building had a concrete foundation, a steel deck roof, steel columns and beams, and walls of concrete block faced with brick. The building shown on this map consisted of the easternmost 13 bays of the building (Sanborn 1951). The rear addition appears to have been constructed in early 1951, as a building permit for a one-story masonry addition to the Publication Press building at 200 North Bentalou Street, was issued in September 1950. This addition was intended to be used for storage (Baltimore Sun 1950:25).

In 1981 Publication Press acquired the commercial building immediately to the north, 212 North Bentalou Street. This building was refurbished to house the company's offices, leaving the building at 200 North Bentalou Street to house only production facilities. At this time Publication Press, Inc. was described as employing 200 people and specializing in hardbound and paperback books, and government catalogs and journals (Baltimore Sun 1981:C8).

In November 1982 officers of the Publication Press pled guilty in federal court to bribing Government Printing Office employees (Bennett 1982:B1). In city directories published after this court case, a printing/graphics firm is listed as occupying 200 North Bentalou Street, but no longer under the name Publication Press. Company names include Graphic Arts Finishing Co., and Victor Graphics (Stewart 1983 - 1995).

The earliest reference to the Greater Church of the Risen Savior being located at 200 North Bentalou Street is the 2002 Baltimore City Directory (Stewart 2002), although the property was purchased by its present owner in February 2000 (MD SDAT).

#### Significance Evaluation

The Greater Church of the Risen Savior was evaluated for significance under the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria A, B, and C, using the guidelines set forth in the National Register Bulletin "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation." This property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of the present assessment. It was evaluated against Criteria Consideration A, as it is presently owned by a religious institution and used for religious services.

The Greater Church of the Risen Savior was built in 1940 as a light industrial and commercial building. It served this function until

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the late 1990s. Soon after the turn of the twenty-first century, the building was converted to religious usage. This change in function also likely resulted in the change to the façade of 200 North Bentalou Street. This building reflects the commercial growth of Baltimore in the mid-twentieth century, but lacks a significant association with mid-twentieth century commercial development in the City of Baltimore. Therefore, this property is not eligible under Criterion A.

Research has not shown that the property is associated with the lives of individuals significant in the past. Therefore, this property is not eligible under Criterion B.

The Greater Church of the Risen Savior was built in 1940 as a vernacular, commercial building. The rectangular form, one-story height, masonry construction, and flat roof reflect this original purpose. The renovation of the façade that accompanied the change from commercial to religious usage is a significant loss of integrity. This property is not distinctive enough to be considered a true representative of a particular type, period, or method of construction. This building does not possess high artistic values. Therefore, this property is not eligible under Criterion C.

The Greater Church of the Risen Savior does not meet Criteria Consideration A because it is not significant for its architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance.

Based on the evaluated criteria, the Greater Church of the Risen Savior is not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

#### Works Consulted

##### Baltimore Sun

1950 Building Permits. Baltimore Sun. September 29, 1950.

1973 John J. Dilli, Sr., mass offered Baltimore Sun. August 14:A13.

1981 Remodeling Under Way." Baltimore Sun. September 16: C8.

##### Bennett, Allegra

1982 Printing Firm Admits Bribing U.S. Workers. Baltimore Sun. November 2: B1.

##### Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland (C&PT)

1948 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1950 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1952 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1954 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1956 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1958 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

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1960 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

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1964 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1966 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

1972 City of Baltimore Directory. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (MD SDAT)

2012 Baltimore City, Real Property Database.

[http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp\\_rewrite/searchtype.aspx?County=03&SearchType=street](http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/searchtype.aspx?County=03&SearchType=street). Accessed July 2, 2012.

Sanborn Company

1951 Fire Insurance maps. 1914 edition updated 1951.

Stewart Directories

1974 Baltimore City Criss-Cross Directory. Stewart Directories, Baltimore, MD.

1975 Baltimore City Criss-Cross Directory. Stewart Directories, Baltimore, MD.

1976 Baltimore City Criss-Cross Directory. Stewart Directories, Baltimore, MD.

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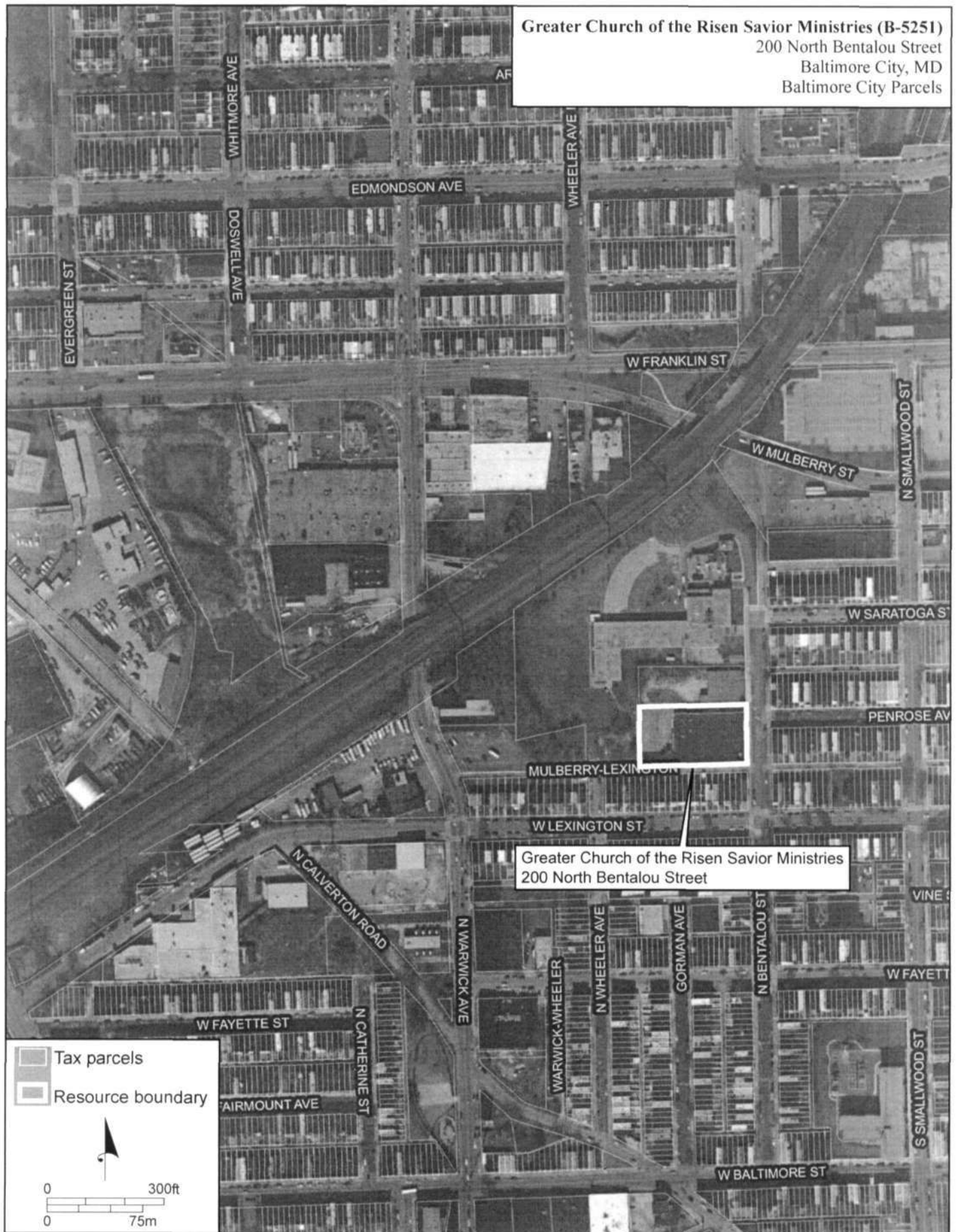
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USGS Baltimore West Quad, 1974



PHOTO LOG

**B-5251, Greater Church of the Risen Savior Ministries, 200 North Bentalou Street**

**B-5251\_2012-06-05\_01**

East and north elevations, view to southwest

**B-5251\_2012-06-05\_02**

East and south elevations, view to northwest

**B-5251\_2012-06-05\_03**

West elevation and play ground behind building, view to east

**B-5251\_2012-06-05\_04**

East elevation, detail of signboard, view to west

HP Viverra ink on HP glossy premium plus photo paper. CD-R Gold.



P.T.E. INC.  
Est. 1993

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

DR. DENISE FOLKS  
- FOUNDER -

W. 10th St  
10th St

Dr. Denise Folks



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GREATER CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER MINISTRIES, 200 N PENNSYLVANIA ST,  
CITY OF BALTIMORE, MD

C. CLARK

JUNE 5, 2012

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EAST AND NORTH ELEVATIONS, VIEW TO SOUTHWEST

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THE YOUNG MALL  
OPENING



I was born, deeply rooted  
in the American dream.

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EAST AND SOUTH ELEVATIONS VIEW TO NORTHWEST

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WEST ELEVATION AND PLAYGROUND BEHIND BUILDING, VIEW TO EAST

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# GREATER CHURCH MINISTRIES

A Ministry RISEN with Jesus Christ Col. 3:1

## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Sunday Morning Prayer	9:30 am
Pastoral Nurturing Class	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Friday Prayer Service (TBA)	7:00 pm

## HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday

## MID-WEEK

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Class	7:00 pm
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## DAILY SCHEDULE

Greater Youth Christian Academy  
(State Approved)  
'Standing on the Promises of God'  
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Little Folks Daycare & Early  
Learning Technology Center  
(State Approved)  
'We Plant. We Water. We expect, n INCREASE.'  
7:00 am - 5:30 pm

## SERVANT LEADERS

VICTOR M. FOLKS, D.D. Senior Pastor / Founder	DENISE L. FOLKS, D.MIN., L.L.D. Pastor / School Principal
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410.945.7300 \* 410.945.323

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EAST ELEVATION, DETAIL OF SIGNBOARD,  
VIEW TO WEST

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